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**From:** Austin, Meredith CAPT  
**To:** 'Burch James.'  
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**Subject:** FW: CGF: OIL SPILL WORKER OVERBOARD FROM DECONTAMINATION VESSEL RESCUED BY USCG HELO AFTER SPENDING SIX HOURS IN THE WATER AT THE SPILL SITE

New career as a cub reporter?

I'm still here in LA fighting the oil spill. Don't believe what you see on the news. We are working hard & are keeping the VAST majority of oil off the beach.

Hope you're doing okay.

Meredith

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**From:** Norm Paulhus [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 07, 2010 03:09 AM Eastern Standard Time  
**To:** CGF FORWARD  
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WKRG-TV (Channel 5, Mobile, AL-Pensacola, FL)  
Tuesday, July 6, 2010

Oil Spill Worker Spends 6 Hours In Gulf Waters

by Jamie Burch

NEW ORLEANS - An oil spill worker is rescued after spending six hours in Gulf Waters.

The Coast Guard says 49-year-old Ricky Johnson was reported overboard at 3:00 a.m. by a decontamination vessel working at the spill site, 50 miles off the coast of Venice, Louisiana.

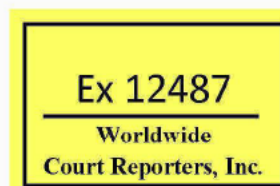
The vessel C-Escort joined the search for Johnson and later requested help from the Coast Guard at about 6:00 a.m. The Coast Guard dispatched the helicopter from Coast Guard Air Station New Orleans, and a C-144 Casa airplane from the Coast Guard Aviation Training Center in Mobile.

The C-Escort spotted Johnson about 9:00 a.m. and relayed his position to the Coast Guard. Johnson first tried to climb aboard the C-Escort but was too weak. A Coast Guard rescue swimmer descended from the helicopter and helped Johnson into a rescue basket. He was then hoisted up to the helicopter.

Johnson was transported to West Jefferson Hospital in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana for treatment. His condition is unknown.

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